

THE RIVER.

Following will be found one of Arthur Grissom's sweetest poems. Mr. Grissom died in New York a few days since and his remains were placed in a vault at Independence on Monday of this week.

The River has made its bed in my mead,
The glad, mad River whose ripples are red
With the blood of her whose dolorous deed
Made the heart of the River the tomb of my dead.
The River had lain in the fields to the West,
Where the weeds and the reeds grew raffish and rank,
And the shine of the sun made the red on its breast,
And there were no bones in the bosom of its bank.
The River was servile and crept to my feet,
As one who would meekly keep faith through the years.
And it laved me with kisses and blandishments sweet,
And left in my palms the dew of its tears.
And the River went tossing its brown curling locks,
With a murmurous laugh that was meant to deceive;
But it muttered a word to the Wind on the rocks,
"Be patient, O Wind! Some day he will grieve!"
And I laughed and I spat in the teeth of the Wind,
And I mocked at the River whose bosom was red,
"Thou darrest not harm me unless I have sinned,
And I shall be guiltless forever," I said.
And I went on my way through the meadows of bloom;
I followed the Right through the thorns that are keen,
I followed the Right through the light and the gloom,
With a hymn in my heart and a conscience serene.
Then came to my door in a halcyon hour
A shy, pretty fellow with a bow like his lips,
And he led me a captive through blooms to a bower
Whence sailed to the sea the most beautiful ships.
There, sleeping on rosebuds, flushed as a flame,
I found one akin to the angels above,
And I woke her in wonder and questioned her name,
And she opened her eyes and said she was Love.
And I saw she was fair as the angels are fair,
I saw the joy of the world in her eyes,
I read in her soul all passion and prayer,
The largess of life and the song of the skies.
And the days and the nights and the years went by,
And I never had known of the demon of Fate,
I followed the Right through song and through sigh,
And I had no fear of the River of Fate.
And the days and the nights and the years went by,
But the ships came not with their precious freight,
And deep in the dark I heard a wild cry--
The cry of my Love, "Too late! Too late!"
I heard in the clouds the voice of Despair,
I heard in the grass Wrongs baneful breath,
I heard the wrath of Sin in the air,
And I heard the laugh of the River of Death!
And I fell on my face in the dust of the earth,
Lifted my voice in a soul-stricken cry,
Lay there, all desolate, sick with the mirth
Of the damnable River thundering by.
Inscrutable God! Still it flows to my mead,
The glad, mad River whose ripples are red
With the blood of her whose dolorous deed
Made the heart of the River the tomb of my dead!

STICK TO YER KNITTIN'.

BY TACITUS HUSSEY, DES MOINES, IOWA.

Didn't keer fer circusses, with clowns' jokes old and funny;
Hoss races had no charms fer him, with good chance of losin'
money;
Camp meetins' was a bore also, I've often heard him say--
Not that he feared to catch religion--but naterally staid away.
He had no faith in any bank, but safely stowed his cash
In some safe place he knowed of, fearin' no financial crash.
Sez he: "I'd rather hustle 'round dressed in my workin' togs,
And make a Dutchman's one per cent, jest lendin' corn ter hogs!"
Never saw a football game; but heard it was a jumble
Of fellers fightin' fer a ball, with many a rough an' tumble;
Some picters he had seen of 'em bareheaded in the sun,
All daubed with mud--jest like his hogs--that done sech things
fer fun!
Had no use fer golfin' folks, a hammerin' balls around
A huntin' holes to put 'em in--an' which they seldom found;
Didn't keer fer politics. Gov'ment wheels might slip their cogs;
He viewed sech things with calmness--an' went on lendin' corn
ter hogs!
Rich? Well, now the people say, he's the richest man about;
Hosses, cows an' feedin' steers--wealth promotors, without
doubt.
Had no ambition that a-way, but it peared to be his whim
To plan it so that he could buy all land adjoinin' him!
An' then in explanation said: "Ef I have more land yer see
Ter raise more corn, ter feed more hogs, 'twould be more wealth
fer me;
Fer idle lives an' livin' high an active brain befores,
So I keep from gittin' lonesome by lendin' corn ter hogs!"
"Git my interest? Bet I do! Have good security!
Take a four months' shoot in spring, yer can turn him off yer
see
Fer market in the winter fer three hundred pounds of pork,
Jest as sure as death or taxes--an' its easiest kind of work
Keeps a growin' while yer sleep, dreamin' of your wealth's
increase,
An' the trick is done so easy that it seems 'as slick as grease!"
The man who makes success of it don't run, but calmly jogs
Along, concentratin' all his mind on lendin' corn ter hogs."
"I like the best of earthly things to see the critters eat;
Fer every ear of corn thrown down I get return in meat;
They 'mind me much of men I know, who at my ideas scoff;
For when they feed at public cribs, git both feet in the trough!
Die? Why, yes, of course I must! That is man's fate they say;
For men 'outlive their usefulness' they're better then away!
So I picked out this epitaph from a list of epilogues;
'Here lies the man who jest got rich by lendin' corn to hogs!"

FIRE SALE

In our recent combat with fire and water our establishment got rather full of smoke. Only a few shoes were totally destroyed, others the boxes were discolored but not in any way injuring their contents. We are going to sell all the shoes in stock whether smoke damaged or not and have gone at it by reducing the Prices so any one wanting FOOTWEAR cannot resist the temptation to buy

Our Prices Talk.

Men's \$2.50 smoke damaged shoes, latest styles, but mostly 8 1/2, 9, 9 1/2 and 10's.....	You Will Be Surprised to See The Low Prices on Rubber Goods	Ladies' \$2.50 dress lace shoes late styles.....	Come Early While Sizes Last Remember "The Early Bird Gets The Best."	Men's \$2.50 dress shoes in box calf, colt skins, late styles.....
SALE PRICE \$1 to \$1.25		SALE PRICE \$2.00		SALE PRICE \$2.00
Men's \$3.25 and \$3.50 dress shoes, all styles and leathers		Ladies' \$2.50 button shoes, sizes broken and out of style		Men's work shoes, regular \$1.25
SALE PRICE \$2.75		SALE PRICE 60c		SALE PRICE \$1.25
Ladies' every day shoes, box and kangaroo calf, lace, regular \$1.60 to \$1.75.....		Ladies' \$1.75 and \$1.85 dress shoes cut to.....		Men's \$1.85 dress and work shoes.....
SALE PRICE \$1.35		\$1.45		SALE PRICE \$1.45
Misses lace shoes, box calf and kid, regular \$1.15 to \$1.75		Boy's heavy school shoes, regular \$1.60.....		Misses button shoes. These are all solid.....
SALE PRICE 90c to \$1.35		SALE PRICE \$1.35		SALE PRICE 60c

If you are the shoe buyer for yourself or for family we can show you some real shoe bargain

D. STALLING,

The Shoe Man.

Prescribed by Her Physician.
Pepsin Syrup Co., Monticello, Ill.
Dear sir:--For almost fifteen years I suffered from indigestion and last winter I thought I would die, when my physician, Dr. A. J. Lescure, of this place, advised my trying Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin, which I did, and two bottles cured me. It not only relieved me, but it cured me so that I have not been troubled since.
If any one should offer me \$500 for the good Syrup Pepsin has done me, I would not think of taking it. No one can take your medicine without being convinced of its more than wonderful cures. I recommend it to all my friends as a laxative and stomach remedy.
Yours with gratitude,
MRS. J. MORGAN.
For sale by Leroy Farmer, druggist.

Free for the Asking.
Our booklet "Told by a Doctor," a discussion of the diseases of the digestive tract, and testimonials of hundreds who have been cured of constipation, dyspepsia and stomach troubles by the use of Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin. If interested, write today to Pepsin Syrup Co., Monticello, Ill., or see Leroy Farmer, the druggist.

What Shall We Have for Desert?
This question arises in the family every day. Let us answer it today. Try Jell-O, a delicious desert. Prepared in two minutes. No baking! Add hot water and set to cool. Flavors: Lemon, orange, raspberry and strawberry. At your grocers. 10 cents. 5

ROOMS FOR RENT in the Haerle building. Apply to Gus Haerle.

Cures Eczema and Itching Humors Through the Blood.--Costs Nothing to Try.
B. B. B. (Botanic Blood Balm) is a certain and sure cure for eczema, itching skin, humors, scabs, scales, watery blisters, pimples, itching bones or joints, boils, carbuncles, prickling pain in the skin, old, eating sores, ulcers, etc. Botanic Blood Balm cures the worst and most deep-seated cases by enriching, purifying and vitalizing the blood thereby giving a healthy blood supply to the skin. Other remedies may relieve, but B. B. B. actually cures, heals every sore and gives the rich glow of health to the skin, making the blood red and nourishing. Especially advised for old, obstinate cases. Druggists, \$1.00. Trial treatment free and prepaid by writing Dr. Gilman, 208 Mitchell street, Atlanta, Ga. Describe trouble and free medical advice given. \$1.00

Disease and danger lurk in the vital organs. The blood becomes vitiated and the general health is undermined whenever the stomach and liver fail to perform their functions as nature intended. Herbine will tone up the stomach, regulate the liver, where other preparations only relieve. Price, 50 cents. For sale by Crenshaw & Young.

Notice of Dissolution.
The firm of Collard & Bledsoe is this day dissolved by mutual consent. D. E. Collard will continue the business and assumes all debts and obligations.
COLLARD & BLEDSOE.
The business will be conducted hereafter by D. E. Collard. We solicit the patronage of the public. Respectfully,
D. E. COLLARD.
Lexington, Mo., November 27, 1901. 11-201

Jon. L. Long keeps everything that is fine in the grocery line. 11-221f

Guardian Sale of Real Estate.
In the matter of the estate of John A. Stout, Insane.
By virtue of an order of sale duly made by the Probate Court of Lafayette County, Missouri, at the November term thereof, 1901, on the 29th day of November, 1901, of said court, ordering and empowering me, the undersigned guardian of the estate of John A. Stout, Insane, for the purpose in said order of said court, provided and set forth, I, the said guardian, hereby give notice that I will on
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 10th, 1902,
between the hours of nine o'clock in the forenoon and five o'clock in the afternoon of that day, at the court house door, in the city of Lexington, Lafayette County, Missouri, and during the session of the probate court of said county, expose and offer for sale, and sell openly by auction, at public vendue, to the highest bidder, for cash in hand, the following described real estate, situate, lying and being in the county of Lafayette and state of Missouri, as follows, to-wit: An undivided half interest in and to the southeast quarter of the southwest quarter of section (14) fourteen, and the northeast quarter of the northwest quarter of section (20) twenty-three, all in township (45) forty-eight, range (25) twenty-five, Lafayette County, Missouri.
Given under my hand this 20th day of November, 1901.
JAMES H. WHITE,
Guardian of the Person and Estate of John A. Stout, Insane. 12-7-101

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE.
Letters of administration on the estate of William Everhart, deceased, were granted to the undersigned on the 12th day of November, 1901, by the probate court of Lafayette County, Missouri.
All persons having claims against said estate are required to exhibit them for allowance to the administrator within one year after the date of said letters or they may be precluded from any benefit of such estate; and if such claims be not exhibited within two years from the date of said letters they will be forever barred.
This 12th day of November, 1901.
GEORGE U. FISHBACK,
Administrator. 11-2315

Buy dry goods, shoes and groceries of J. F. Wine. 11-201f

NOTICE OF SHAREHOLDERS MEETING.
Notice is hereby given that the shareholders of the Lexington Building and Loan Association, Lexington, Missouri, will be held at the office of the Secretary, No. 1119 1/2 Avenue, in the City of Lexington of Lafayette, Mo., on
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 13th
at 9 o'clock a. m. of that day, for the purpose of taking a vote of the shareholders of the said association on a proposition and there to be submitted to increase the capital stock of said association from the sum of Four Thousand Dollars (\$4000.00), which is, to Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000), an increase of One Thousand Dollars (\$1000.00).
W. G. McCAUSLAND,
CHAS. W. LOOMIS, Sec.

EXECUTOR'S NOTICE.
Letters testamentary on the estate of C. Wallace, Sr., deceased, were granted and undersigned on the 4th day of November, 1901, by the probate court of Lafayette County, Missouri.
All persons having claims against said estate are required to exhibit them for allowance to the executor within one year after the date of said letters or they may be precluded from any benefit of such estate; and if such claims be not exhibited within two years from the date of said letters they will be forever barred.
This 4th day of November, 1901.
HENRY L. WALLACE,
F. LEE WALLACE, B. 11-2415

Jell-O, the New Desert.
Please ask all the family. Four flavors: orange, raspberry and strawberry. Grocers. 10 cents. Try it today.